

The following options are being considered for amendment under this proposal.

Option 1

Section 27.80

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(2) Barbless Hooks. No more than two (2) single point, single shank barbless hooks shall be used in the ocean north of Point Conception (34° 27' 00" N. lat.) when salmon fishing or salmon are onboard.

(3) Other Hook Restrictions. When fishing with bait in the ocean between Horse Mountain (40° 05' 00" N. lat.) and Point Conception, if angling by any other means than trolling, then no more than two (2) single point, single shank, barbless circle hooks shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook, and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied). A circle hook is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape, and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90 degree angle. Trolling is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions. See Section 28.65.

(4) One Rod Restriction north of Point Conception. Salmon may be taken by angling with no more than one rod in ocean waters north of Point Conception. See Section 28.65.

(b) Season:

(1) South of Pigeon Point (37° 11' 00" N. lat.). All waters of the ocean south of Pigeon Point are open to salmon fishing from March ~~31, 2004~~30, 2002 through September ~~30, 2004~~29, 2002 (Note: In ~~2002~~2003, the season will open March ~~30~~29, the Saturday nearest April 1).

(2) Between Point Arena (38° 57' 30" N. lat.) and Pigeon Point. All waters of the ocean between Point Arena and Pigeon Point are open to fishing from April ~~14, 2004~~13, 2002 through November ~~13, 2004~~10, 2002 (Note: In ~~2002~~2003, the season will open April ~~13~~12, the Saturday nearest April 15).

(3) Between Horse Mountain and Point Arena. All waters of the ocean between Horse Mountain and Point Arena are open to salmon fishing from February ~~17, 2004~~16, 2002, the Saturday nearest February 15, through July 17, 2002, and August 1, 2002 through November ~~18, 2004~~17, 2002, the Sunday nearest November 15 (Note: In ~~2002~~2003, the season will open February ~~16~~15, the Saturday nearest February 15).

(4) North of Horse Mountain and Humboldt Bay. All waters of the ocean north of Horse Mountain and Humboldt Bay are open to salmon fishing from May ~~17, 2004~~25, 2002 through July ~~8, 2004~~1, 2002, and July 24, 2002 through September ~~3, 2004~~2, 2002 (Note: In ~~2002~~2003, the season will be decided in April by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and California Fish and Game Commission and the section will be amended pursuant to the regulatory process).

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(approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth), on the south by 41° 26' 48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth), and extending 3 nautical miles offshore is closed to salmon fishing between August 1 and August 31. No salmon may be taken at any time in ocean waters at the mouths of the Smith and Klamath rivers and during August and September at the mouth of the Eel River (See Section 27.75).

(c) Limit:

(1) North of Horse Mountain: Two salmon per day. ~~No more than four fish in seven consecutive days from May 17 through July 8. Beginning July 24 through September 3, no more than six fish in seven consecutive days~~ (See subsection (c)(3) below).

(2) South of Horse Mountain: Two salmon per day (See subsection (c)(3) below and Section 1.17).

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(d) Minimum size:

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